STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 1001

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE

The Appointment of Ports (Colchester, Faversham, London, Ramsgate and Rochester) Order 1973

Made - - -	*4th June* 1973
Coming into Operation	*1st July* 1973

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise, in pursuance of the powers conferred on them by section 13 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952(a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Preliminary

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Appointment of Ports (Colchester, Faversham, London, Ramsgate and Rochester) Order 1973, and shall come into operation on the 1st July 1973.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Revocation of earlier Appointments

2. The Treasury Warrants and the Return to the Court of Exchequer set out in the Schedule hereto are hereby revoked.

Port of Colchester

3.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions within the following area, that is to say the area bounded by a line,

(*a*) starting at the promontory or point of land called the Naze at latitude 51° 52′ 23″ north, longitude 01° 17′ 25″ east in the County of Essex; thence

(*b*) continuing to the inside or west side of the sand called Cork to a point at latitude 51° 52′ 50″ north, longitude 01° 23′ 24″ east; thence

(*c*) to a point at latitude 51° 46′ 05″ north, longitude 01° 20′ 32″ east, (Gunfleet Old Lighthouse being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*d*) to a point at latitude 51° 37′ 00″ north, longitude 00° 57′ 19″ east, (Foulness Point in the County of Essex and being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(a) 1952 c. 44. (b) 1889 c. 63.

(*e*) continuing westwards along the line of mean high water level on the south bank of the River Crouch to the bridge at Battlesbridge at latitude 51° 37′ 18″ north, longitude 00° 34′ 22″ east in the County of Essex (being a boundary of the Port of London).

The port shall include all rivers, bays, streams, channels, waters, watercourses, harbours, creeks, docks and places giving on to the area specified in this Article but shall exclude any of the same giving on to the south bank of the River Crouch.

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of Colchester.

Port of Faversham

4.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions within the following area, that is to say the area bounded by a line,

(*a*) starting at a point at latitude 51° 24′ 55″ north, longitude 00° 54′ 21″ east (Warden Point in the Isle of Sheppey in the County of Kent and being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*b*) continuing eastwards to a point at latitude 51° 26′ 02″ north, longitude 01° 14′ 12″ east (being a limit of the Port of Ramsgate and a point on the boundary of the Port of London); thence

(*c*) continuing south-south-west to Reculvers at latitude 51° 22′ 45″ north, longitude 01° 12′ 00″ east in the County of Kent (and being a limit of the Port of Ramsgate).

The port shall include all rivers, bays, streams, channels, waters, watercourses, harbours, creeks, docks and places giving on to the area specified in this Article including the waters of The Swale south and east of a line drawn westwards across The Swale from a point on the Isle of Elmley in the County of Kent at latitude 51° 22′ 40″ north, longitude 00° 46′ 14″ east to a point at latitude 51° 22′ 40″ north, longitude 00° 45′ 49″ east in the County of Kent (being a boundary of the Port of London).

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of Faversham.

Port of London

5.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions within the following area, that is to say the area bounded by a line,

(*a*) drawn from the bridge at Battlesbridge at latitude 51° 37′ 18″ north, longitude 00° 34′ 22″ east on the River Crouch in the County of Essex, continuing eastwards along the line of mean high water level on the south bank of the River Crouch to Foulness Point at latitude 51° 37′ 00″ north, longitude 00° 57′ 19″ east in the County of Essex (being a boundary of the Port of Colchester); thence

(*b*) to a point at latitude 51° 46′ 05″ north, longitude 01° 20′ 32″ east (Gunfleet Old Lighthouse being a limit of the Port of Colchester); thence

(*c*) to a point at latitude 51° 26′ 36″ north, longitude 01° 25′ 30″ east (being a limit of the Port of Ramsgate); thence

(*d*) to a point at latitude 51° 24′ 55″ north, longitude 00° 54′ 21″ east (Warden Point in the Isle of Sheppey in the County of Kent and being a limit of the Port of Faversham).

The port shall include all rivers, bays, streams, channels, waters, watercourses, harbours, creeks, docks and places giving on to the area specified in this Article including;

(i) the River Thames up to Teddington Lock at latitude 51° 25′ 53″ north, longitude 00° 19′ 20″ west in the London Borough of Richmond upon Thames;

(ii) the River Medway north and east of a line running from the point of land at the north west corner of the marshes known as Chetney or Tailness at latitude 51° 25′ 12″ north, longitude 00° 41′ 54″ east across the River Medway to a point in the River Medway at latitude 51° 26′ 00″ north, longitude 00° 40′ 00″ east and thence to a point on the coastline of the mainland of the County of Kent at latitude 51° 26′ 36″ north, longitude 00° 40′ 00″ east (these points being limits of the Port of Rochester); and

(iii) The Swale from its junction with the River Medway to a line drawn westwards across The Swale from a point on the Isle of Elmley in the County of Kent at latitude 51° 22′ 40″ north, longitude 00° 46′ 14″ east to a point at latitude 51° 22′ 40″ north, longitude 00° 45′ 49″ east in the County of Kent (these points being limits of the Port of Faversham).

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of London.

Port of Ramsgate

6.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions within the following area, that is to say the area bounded by a line,

(*a*) starting at Reculvers at latitude 51° 22′ 45″ north, longitude 01° 12′ 00″ east in the County of Kent (and being a limit of the Port of Faversham); thence

(*b*) extending on a line bearing north-north-east to a point at latitude 51° 26′ 02″ north, longitude 01° 14′ 12″ east (being a limit of the Port of Faversham and a point on the boundary of the Port of London); thence

(*c*) eastwards to a point at latitude 51° 26′ 36″ north, longitude 01° 25′ 30″ east (being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*d*) northwards (along the seaward boundary of the Port of London) to a point at latitude 51° 27′ 50″ north, longitude 01° 25′ 12″ east; thence

(*e*) south-eastwards to a point at latitude 51° 25′ 00″ north, longitude 01° 32′ 00″ east; thence

(*f*) southwards to a point at latitude 51° 19′ 00″ north, longitude 01° 33′ 00″ east (North Sand Head); thence

(*g*) westwards to a point at latitude 51° 19′ 08″ north, longitude 01° 23′ 40″ east on the north bank of the River Stour in the County of Kent at its junction with the sea; thence

(*h*) continuing along the north bank of the River Stour (over the flats) to a place thereon called North Shore at latitude 51° 18′ 45″ north, longitude 01° 21′ 48″ east in the County of Kent.

The port shall include all rivers, bays, streams, channels, waters, watercourses, harbours, creeks, docks and places giving on to the area specified in this Article.

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of Ramsgate.

Port of Rochester

7.—(1) The Commissioners appoint as a port for the purposes of customs and excise those territorial waters of Her Majesty's dominions within the following area, that is to say the area bounded by a line,

(*a*) drawn from the point of land at the north west corner of the marshes known as Chetney or Tailness at latitude 51° 25′ 12″ north, longitude 00° 41′ 54″ east (being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*b*) across the River Medway to a point in the River Medway at latitude 51° 26′ 00″ north, longitude 00° 40′ 00″ east (being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*c*) to a point on the coastline of the mainland of the County of Kent at latitude 51° 26′ 36″ north, longitude 00° 40′ 00″ east (being a limit of the Port of London); thence

(*d*) southwards and westwards along both banks of the River Medway for the remainder of its length.

The port shall include all rivers, bays, streams, channels, waters, watercourses, harbours, creeks, docks and places giving on to the area specified in this Article.

(2) The Commissioners name the said port the Port of Rochester.

4th June 1973.

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SCHEDULE Article 2

Port	*Appointment*	*Dated*	*Made under*	*Ref.*
Colchester	Treasury Warrant	7th September 1883	Section 12 Customs Consolidation Act 1876	1876 c. 36.
Faversham	Return to the Court of Exchequer	23rd December 1820		
London	Treasury Warrant	1st August 1883	Section 12 Customs Consolidation Act 1876	1876 c. 36.
Ramsgate	Treasury Warrant	3rd February 1894	Section 12 Customs Consolidation Act 1876	1876 c. 36.
Rochester	Treasury Warrant	1st August 1883	Section 12 Customs Consolidation Act 1876	1876 c. 36.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, made under section 13 of the Customs and Excise Act 1952 defines the limits of five ports in the area of the Thames Estuary for the purposes of customs and excise consequent upon the extension of the seaward limits of the Port of London in the Port of London (Extension of Seaward Limit) Act 1964 (c.ii).

The seaward limits of the Port of London for the purposes of customs and excise are extended to the limits as defined in the Port of London (Extension of Seaward Limit) Act 1964. The Order also defines the limits of the Ports of Colchester, Faversham, Ramsgate and Rochester.

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